

II. REMARKS

A. Summary of the Amendments

The present application still contains 34 claims.

Claims 4, 17, 22, 23, 24, 51, 55 and 56 have been amended in order to correct minor informalities and in order to better define the subject matter being claimed. The Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added under the current amendment.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 19-21, 37-50 and 52-54 remain the same.

B. Summary of the Claim Objections

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 4, 22, 24, 51 and 55 due to certain informalities.

With respect to claims 4, 51 and 55, the Examiner indicates that the term "at step b)" holds an antecedent basis ambiguity with reference to their preceding claims. In response, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 51 and 55 have been amended such that the term "at step b)" has been replaced with the term "to each word". Accordingly, claims 4, 51 and 55 are no longer believed to include antecedent basis ambiguity.

With respect to claim 22 the Examiner indicates that the term "at step a)" holds an antecedent basis ambiguity with reference to claims 17 and 22. In response, the Applicant respectfully submits that the term "at step a)" has been removed, and that the language of the claim has been reworded, such that there is no longer any antecedent basis ambiguity.

With respect to claim 24 the Examiner has objected to the term "the at least two words". In response, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 24 has been amended such that the term "the at least two words" has been replaced with the term "the words associated to said at least two nodes". Furthermore, upon review of the claims, the Applicant has noticed that claims 17 and 23 contain similar language to that of claim 24. As such, the Applicant has also proceeded to amend claims 17 and 23 in the same manner as claim 24.

With respect to claim 39, the Examiner indicates that after ",", the following phrase should be entered "each parse tree in said parse tree group including a word of the sentence". In response, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 39 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

C Summary of the Claim Rejections

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 17, 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 112(1) for allegedly containing subject matter that was not described in the specification. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that the phrase "at least some of the nodes that form the parse tree are associated to a word in the sentence" has not been described in the specification.

In the interest of moving the present case forward, the Applicant has amended claims 17, 23 and 24, such that the phrase "at least some of the nodes that form the parse tree are associated to a word in the sentence" now reads "all of the nodes that form the parse tree are associated to a word in the sentence"[emphasis added]. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 17, 23 and 24 are now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112(1). Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his rejection of these claims.

In light of the above amendments, claims 17, 23 and 24 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 19-22 depend from independent claim 17, and as

such are also believed to be in condition for allowance as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

D Allowable Subject Matter

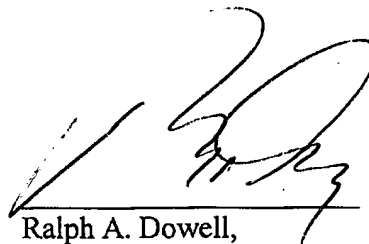
The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-3, 5-7, 37-50, 52-54 and 56, as indicated on page 3 of the Advisory Action.

III. CONCLUSION

In addition to claims 1-3, 5-7, 37-50, 52-54 and 56, which have been deemed allowable by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 17, 19-24, 51 and 55 are now also in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections with regards to claims 4, 17, 19-24, 51 and 55 is requested. Allowance of all of claims 1-7, 17, 19-24 and 37-56 at an early date is solicited.

If the claims of the application are not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims or in making constructive suggestions so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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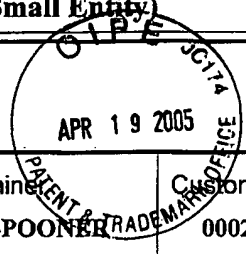
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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
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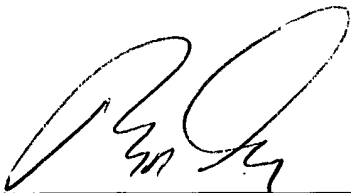
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